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Rockville Housing Codes Inspectors Bill Calloway (left, wearing a marked "Inspector" helmet) and Chuck Aubertin will introduce the bicycle patrol program in the City this month.

Code Inspectors Launch A First in Bike Patrol

In an effort to increase visibility and effectively respond to citizens' input, the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services has incorporated the use of bicycles as part of its Code Enforcement Program.

By using bicycles for code enforcement, the inspectors hope to gain accessibility to areas that were difficult to access before.

"For example, there are areas in King Farm that are not vehicle accessible," said Housing Codes Inspector Bill Calloway. "There are alleys and many places that require more mobility. Before, we could park a car and walk, but with bikes now, we will be able to ride right up to a location and see much more."

According to Calloway, the bicycle program seems to be a first. After researching other code enforcement organizations, he has not been able to find another like it in the country.

The department will launch the pilot program in early October, and bike inspectors will soon become a familiar City site. The City will ensure that the Inspectors' bikes are easily identifiable by marking the bikes with large decals.

Using bicycles seem like a natural progression for the City that is working to establish itself as a bicycle mecca. The

program will enable the Mayor and Council's goals of "Increased Mobility," "Superior City Services" and "Strengthening Neighborhoods."

Guerdon Stuckey, Director of Neighborhood & Community Services, said the bicycle program will serve as a tool for engaging, educating and enforcing, which are keys to a successful code enforcement

"Our goal is to maintain and improve the quality of life here in Rockville," Stuckey said. "We need to keep an edge in the global economy, keeping Rockville an attractive place for homes and businesses. The bicycle program will address the immediate issues, enabling our strategies for the City in the long-term."

Calloway and Chuck Aubertin, also a City Housing Codes Inspector, recently completed the three-day Bicycle Patrol School administered by the Frederick City Police. At the school, they learned bicycle safety, defensive riding techniques and city riding tips, which prepared them to launch the program.

"The training was intense," Calloway said. "We rode 22 miles one day and 26 the next. I was quite sore, but I learned a great deal. I think it's a great idea for the City."

Classic Cars Roll into Rockville on Oct. 19

One of the region's premier motor vehicle shows returns to the City of Rockville Saturday, Oct. 19. Hundreds of antique and classic cars will be on display from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more than 40 years the Rockville Antique and Classic Car Show has dazzled enthusiasts with an eclectic mix of automobiles. This year's event, at Rockville Civic Center Park, is expected to be as entertaining and exciting as ever.

And it is free to spectators.

"It's a Rockville tradition in October for citizens to come out and see the cars brought from all over Maryland and the surrounding states," said Colleen McQuitty, Events Specialist with the City's Department of Recreation and Parks.



This year's Antique and Classic Car Show promises to be one of the finest in Rockville history.

The colorful fall foliage in Civic Center Park is an added bonus for visitors.

The City expects more than 400 cars and more than 10,000 spectators. Based on preregistration, the show hosted by the Mayor and Council is expected to be one of the largest in history. Organizers say that the show is open to motor vehicles (no custom/ modified cars) up to and including 1977.

For registration information call 240-314-8606. Recorded information is available at 240-314-5022. More information can be found at www.ci.rockville.md.us.

The rain date for the event is Saturday, Oct. 26. 💠

Calendar of Events

City Events

For more information on many of these events, please refer to the Fall Recreation Guide or log onto www.ci.rockville.md.us.

4, 5, 11, 12 Rockville Little Theatre,

"All Because of Agatha." 8 p.m. \$12. Call 240-314-8690.

6-29 "Fiber." BJ Adams, Catherine Kleeman, Kim Power, Donna Radner. Reception 1-4 p.m., Oct. 6. Glenview Mansion Art Gal-

Sunday Afternoon Concert Series. Bob Tublin, jazz guitar, 2 p.m.

6,13 Rockville Little Theatre, "All Because of Agatha." 2 p.m. \$12. Call 240-314-8690.

Rockville 10K/5K. 8 a.m. King Farm. 301-460-

18,19 National Chamber Orchestra. Andre-Michel Schub, piano, plays Mozart, Prokofiev. Schumann. 8 p.m. Tickets: \$37, \$27, \$17. Call 240-

Antique and Classic Car Show. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Information 240-314-8606. Recorded information 240-314-5022.

314-8690.

F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference. Information 301-309-

26 Off-leash dog testing. 10 a.m. Middle Lane parking lot. Tests if dogs can be walked without a leash. Call 240-314-8930 to register in advance.

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F. Scott **Fitzgerald** Literary Conference John Updike honored.



WHEN: Oct. 26, 8 a.m. registration

WHERE: Montgomery College, **Rockville Campus**

WHAT: One-day conference featuring

Literary Award to John Updike; Authors Meryle Secrest, Edmund Morris, Sylvia Morris; Several Writing Workshops;

plus much more

See Focus on the Arts insert for more information.

Spirit of Rockville



Saturday, Sept. 28 · 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. · Rockville Town Center

Arts! Crafts! Music! Dance! Food! Games!

A celebration of ethnic traditions and tastes. Come embrace many heritages with family and friends.

> City of Rockville Department of Recreation and Parks

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Nature Center

All events take place at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Road, located in Rockville Civic Center Park. Reservations are required. See the City's Web site or the Fall Recreation Guide for details. For more information, call 240-314-8770.

Owl Prowl. 7-8 p.m. All ages. \$2 residents/\$3 non-residents.

Are the Herps Hungry? 3-4 p.m. All ages. \$2 residents/\$3 nonresidents.

Apples in Autumn. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All ages. \$3 residents/\$4 nonresidents.

Autumn Afternoon Hike. 4-5 p.m. Ages 3 and over. \$2 residents/\$3 nonresidents.

Fun Fall Field Trip to the Farm. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ages 6-12. \$30 residents/ \$35 nonresidents.

Boo Wreath. 4-5 p.m. Ages 4-12. \$7 residents/\$8 nonresidents.

Pumpkins are for Picking. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Ages 3-6. \$4 residents/\$5 nonresidents.

Whales. 2-3 p.m. Ages 5-10. \$4 residents/\$5 nonresidents.

For Seniors

Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. For further information, call 240-314-8800.

October Birthday
Party. 1:30-3 p.m. Free.
Registration required.

Veterans' Group: Accomplishments in Space.
10 a.m.-12 noon. Free. Registration required.

Great Events of the 20th Century II. 10 a.m.-12 noon. Free. Registration required.

Fall Topiary. 1-3 p.m. Registration \$20 members/\$25 nonmembers by Oct. 3.

Teddy Bear Walk. 9:45 a.m. 3-mile walk from Senior Center to Shady Grove Hopital and back. Free and includes lunch. Call 240-314-8822

11,25 Flexing Your Mind. 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. \$5 members/\$8 nonmembers by Oct. 4.

Organizing for the Holidays. 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. Registration \$10 members/\$12 nonmembers by Oct. 8.

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City Projects U*P*D*A*T*E

PUBLIC WORKS

TOWN CENTER

Maryland Avenue Extension • Initial survey complete • Extension to be built concurrent with new library • Now looking at design layout of Maryland Avenue north of Beall Avenue

WEST END

Brick sidewalks • Laird Street installation completed • Forest Street to follow

GENERAL PROJECTS

Asphalt Maintenance Program • FY03 project is near completion • Majority of the remaining work is in the New Mark Commons area

Bike/Pedestrian Improvements • Intersection of Twinbrook Parkway at Chapman Avenue planned for fall • Route 28 at I-270 and Nelson Street and Route 28 and Great Falls Road planned for spring 2003

Chapman Avenue Watermain UpgradeConstruction of upgrade between

• Construction of upgrade between Route 355 and Chapman Ave. on Thompson Ave., and on Chapman Ave. from Thompson Ave. to Halpine Road • Near completion

Fallsgrove Off-site Improvements • Intersections to be improved include Gude Drive and Research Blvd. to be started in November; Gude Drive and Gaither Road to be started this month; I-270 and Shady Grove Road to start in spring 2003; I-270, Route 28, and Nelson St. to start in spring 2003; West Montgomery Ave. and Gude Drive to start in November; West Montgomery Ave. and Shady Grove Rd. to start in fall; and Shady Grove and Research Blvd. to start this month

Mount Vernon SWM • Improvements will be made to Cabin John Creek with modifications to existing storm water management • Construction ongoing • Completion is anticipated by spring 2003

North Horners Lane Utilities Improvement • Water main upgrade planned between Southlawn Lane and Westmore Avenue • Stream restoration is included • Construction planned for spring 2003

Wootton Parkway Improvements • New traffic signal and an extra turn lane are being added on Scott Drive at Wootton Parkway to separate right and left turn movements to start in fall • Intersection of Wootton Parkway and Glen Mill Road is being modified so Wootton Parkway continues straight to Darnestown Road with work to start by November • Glen Mill Road will stop at Wootton Parkway • Construction expected to begin by November

RECREATION & PARKS

HUNGERFORD

Dawson Farm Park • Replacement of wooden bridge and reconstruction of granary in historically sensitive manner and to serve as a park shelter/gazebo • Granary and bridge design began in summer • Projected completion winter 2002 • Public input has been incorporated into design

GENERAL PROJECTS

Ballfield Improvements • Dogwood Park sodding and soil renovation, Broome Park irrigation head replacement and Rock Terrace backstop replacement projects are complete • Hillcrest Park outfield fence replacement is scheduled for winter 2002

Beall-Dawson Historical Park • Transplanting of boxwoods • Minor landscaping enhancements • Installation of directional signs • Starts in fall 2002

Mary Trumbo Park • Design has been approved for park in East Rockville • Committee has been formed to select artwork • Construction could begin as early as fall 2002

Millennium Trail • Norbeck Road multiuse path from East Gude Drive to Veirs Mill Road in design, construction scheduled for 2002-03 • Resurfacing of path along Wootton Parkway from Edmonston Drive to Falls Road scheduled for 2002

I-270/Route 28 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge • Separate bridge parallel to Route 28 on south side across I-270 to connect Hurley Ave. and Nelson Street bikeways • Hurley Avenue Trail currently under design • TEA-21 award for \$3,124,421 received from State Highway Administration • Under design • Construction scheduled for summer 2003 • Citizen input continues to be incorporated into design

North Farm and Potomac Woods • Color coat basketball courts • Projects to be completed by fall 2002

Playground Equipment Improvements • Broome Park, Dogwood Park (picnic area) and Isreal Park playground equipment replacement • Construction is scheduled for fall/winter of 2002 • Potomac Woods Park and Rockcrest Park playground equipment replacement • Design phase scheduled for fall of 2002 with construction in spring 2003

Rockville Civic Center Park • Installation of ornamental iron fence along the stone wall beside Baltimore Road • work scheduled for fall 2002

Rock Terrace • Installation of backstops is half complete • Project should be finished in summer 2003

Welsh Park • Resurface tennis court, replace retaining wall and fence, resurface basketball court • Work will be completed by fall 2002

Wootton Parkway Landscape • Enhancements to be made to landscaping on
Wootton Parkway between Route 355 and
Falls Road • Installation to begin fall 2002

Rockville's History in the Making

Rockville's Mayor and Council have established a program to encourage owners of historic homes to pursue Historic Designations for their properties. An Historic Designation carries tax incentives, often leads to increased property values and ensures preservation of neighborhoods.

A home at 119 Forest Avenue in Rockville, known for its past history as the Judge Donald and Elizabeth Delashmutt House, is under consideration for historic designation by Rockville's Mayor and Council. Owners Keith Jacobson and Katherine Michaelian realized that the house meets the eligibility criteria and found that preservation reaps tax benefits. Those benefits could help finance their kitchen remodeling.

This 1928 house reflects the growing sophistication of Rockville. It was designed for the Delashmutts by architect John W. Kearney in the picturesque 1920s "Jacobethan Bungalow" or Tudor revival style. In this era, most houses came from pattern books and were adapted by a builder, but this house was built by



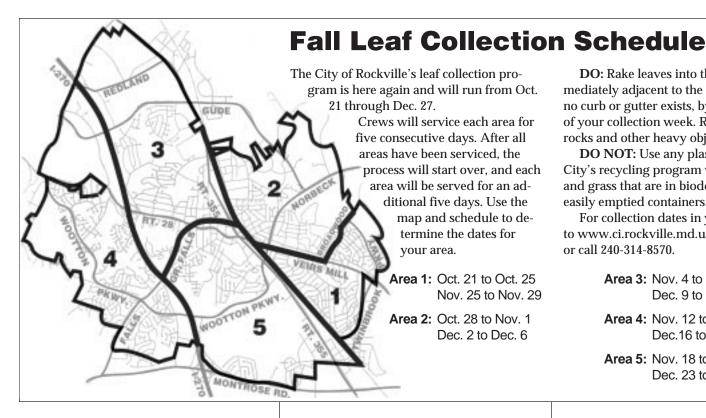
Known as the Judge Donald and Elizabeth Delashmutt House, 119 Forest Ave. is under consideration for historic designation.

Rockville master builder Franklin Karn. It is large for its time—2,500 square feet—and rich in interior and exterior details such as diamond-paned casement windows and a flat-roofed section hidden away on the interior back corner and intended on plans for a roof garden.

Donald Delashmutt practiced law in

Rockville and also served as Justice of the Peace and as a trial magistrate. Both Judge and Mrs. Delashmutt were officers of the Rockville Library Association and participated in other civic organizations.

The Michaelians purchased the home in 2001 from John G. and Marian Whelan, who lived in it for the prior 35 years.



DO: Rake leaves into the gutter, or immediately adjacent to the pavement where no curb or gutter exists, by 7 a.m. on Friday

of your collection week. Remove limbs, rocks and other heavy objects.

DO NOT: Use any plastic bags. The City's recycling program will collect leaves and grass that are in biodegradable bags or easily emptied containers.

For collection dates in your area, log on to www.ci.rockville.md.us/dept/leaf.htm, or call 240-314-8570.

> Area 3: Nov. 4 to Nov. 8 Dec. 9 to Dec.13

Area 4: Nov. 12 to Nov. 15 Dec.16 to Dec. 20

Area 5: Nov. 18 to Nov. 22 Dec. 23 to Dec. 27

In Brief

Rockville 10K/5K Race

The "oldest continuing race in Montgomery County" returns for its 27th year Sunday, Oct. 13, at 8 a.m. Sponsored by the City of Rockville Department of Recreation and Parks, and managed by the Montgomery County Road Runners Club, the 10K/ 5K race features a new, traffic-free course through King Farm Village Center.

CALL 301-460-8888 FOR MORE INFO

Community Services Day

On Saturday, Oct. 26, the City of Rockville will participate in Community Services Day, now in its 16th year. Coordinated by the Montgomery County Volunteer Center, the event is designed to promote volunteerism through participation in a community service project. Rockville has arranged four park and stream valley clean-up projects, among others.

CALL **240-777-2600** FOR MORE INFO

Storm Drains for Rain Only

Storm drains in your Rockville neighborhood flow into local creeks that then flow to the Potomac River and ultimately to the Chesapeake Bay. These drains are for RAIN ONLY! Trash, pet waste and pollutants such as yard care products, household solvents and automotive fluids should never be placed in these drains.

Please contact Pamela Rowe at 240-314-8212 or at pamelarowe@ci.rockville.md.us to learn more about these drains.

CALL **240-314-8212** FOR MORE INFO

Peerless Week in Rockville

Peerless Rockville, the City's historic preservation organization, celebrates its biggest week of the year from Oct. 18-27 with a series of events that can be enjoyed by all ages.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, the week begins with the second annual Antique and Craft Fair (on grounds of former Chestnut Lodge, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.) and the second annual Painted Ladies and Historic Homes tour (12 noon to 4 p.m.). On Sunday, Oct. 20, a 10-15 mile bicycle tour of historic Rockville sites begins at 12 noon from City Hall.

On Wednesday, Oct. 23, Peerless and the Rockville Chamber of Commerce will cohost a Mix 'n Mingle at the historic B&O Railroad Station from 5:30-7 p.m.

CALL **301-762-0096** FOR MORE INFO

Call 24-Hour Utilities Hotline First: 240-314-8567

Nov. 25 to Nov. 29

Dec. 2 to Dec. 6

If there is a problem with your water or sewage, your first call should always be to the City of Rockville. The City, which has a 24-hour emergency number, will advise whether it is a City issue or if you should contact a plumber.

"The last thing we want is for our residents to incur unnecessary plumbing expenses," said James Green, Utilities Maintenance Supervisor for Rockville. The 24-hour hotline is 240-314-8567.

Also, residents are urged to review their homeowners' insurance policy to ensure that they are covered for sewer backups.

CALL **240-314-8567** FOR MORE INFO

Home Improvement Grants

Low- and moderate-income Rockville homeowners can apply for grants and loans to make necessary upgrades to their homes through Rockville's Home Improvement Program. This includes upgrades to electrical, plumbing and home heating systems. Funds for the program are provided by Housing and Urban Development through the U.S. Community Development Block Grant Program and are administered by the City's Community Planning and Development Services.

CALL **240-314-8208** FOR MORE INFO

2002 Holiday Drive

Donations are now being accepted for the 2002 Rockville Holiday Drive. Volunteers also are needed.

Nonperishable food is being accepted at the Manna Food Center, 614 Lofstrand Lane (off Southlawn Lane) Monday-Friday, 8:30-11 a.m. (please designate that the food is for the "Rockville Holiday Drive").

Donations may be left at the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services; the back porch of the Glenview Mansion; or the Rockville Senior Center.

CALL **240-314-8300** FOR MORE INFO

Grandparent Support Group

The City's Senior Center is sponsoring educational and support meetings for grandparents and other relatives who are caring for children. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Fridays of the month from 12:30 - 2 p.m. Guest speakers are invited to provide information on specific topics such as financial assistance, advocacy, adoption and substance abuse.

CALL **240-314-8812** FOR MORE INFO

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Muestra de Autos

Una de las primeras muestras de vehículos automotores de la región vuelve a la Ciudad de Rockville el sábado 19 de octubre. Cientos de automóviles antiguos y clásicos se exhibirán de 11 a.m. a 4 p.m.

Durante más de 30 años, la Exposición del Automóvil Antiguo y Clásico de Rockville ha deslumbrado a los entusiastas con una variada mezcla de vehículos. Se espera que el evento de este año, en el Parque del Centro Cívico de Rockville, sea tan entretenido y excitante como nunca.

"En el mes de octubre, ya es una tradición para los ciudadanos de Rockville salir y ver los carros que vienen de todo el estado de Maryland y de los estados circundantes", dijo Colleen McQuitty, Especialista en Eventos del Departamento de Recreación y Parques de la Ciudad. La caída del colorido follaje otoñal en el Parque del Centro Cívico es un beneficio más para el deleite de los visitantes.

El 19 de octubre, la Ciudad espera más de 400 automóviles y más de 10.000 espectadores. Según la Ciudad, y a juzgar por la preinscripción, la exposición auspiciada por el Alcalde y el Consejo se puede convertir en una de las más grandes en la historia. Los organizadores indican que la exposición está abierta a los vehículos automotores fabricados hasta 1977 inclusive, y que no estén hechos a medida o modificados.

Para obtener información para la inscripción durante horas de trabajo, llamar 14-8606; para obtener la información a, llamar al 240-314-5022. Más ación se puede encontrar en i.rockville.md.us.

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15 A History Lesson, Civil War. 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Register by Oct. 7.

5 Check It Out! **Breast Cancer Information.** 1:15-2:15 p.m.

16 Pumpkins to Breads to Soups with Adrienne Cook. 12 noon-2 p.m. Registration \$6 members/\$8 nonmembers by Oct. 11.

Classical Music with Murray. 1-2:30 p.m. Free. Register by Oct. 9.

Readers' Group. 7-8 p.m. Free. Registration required.

Digital Edge with I. J. Hudson. 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. Free. Register by Oct.

21,23 AARP 55 Alive Mature Driving. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$10 payable to AARP. Register by Oct. 11.

23 Stay Healthy the Natural Way. 7-8:30 p.m. Free. Registration required.

24 Hormones for Senior Women. 1-2:30 p.m.

Hints for the Memory Challenged. 10:15 a.m.-12 noon.

For Teens

Now accepting enrollment for the Civiteens Program. It is open to teens ages 15-21 with learning disabilities. Trips held on weekends. Membership cost is \$45 for residents and \$55 for nonresidents. Additional fees required based on trips. Call 240-314-8634 for details. See Fall Recreation Guide for trip information.

Teen Lounge. Lincoln Park Comm. Center for teens grades 6-12 from 6:30-9 p.m. Drop-in. Movies, billiards, ping-pong, PlayStation, refreshments and more. Free.

2,9,16,23,30Montrose Teen Activity

Center. Open for grades 6-12 from 6-9 p.m. Billiards, ping pong, Nintendo, foosball, snack bar and more.

7,14,21,28 Twinbrook Comm. Rec.

Center Movie Mondays. For teens in grades 6-12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Permission slips required for attendance.

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Teen Lounge. Elwood Smith Comm. Center. Students in grades 6-12; 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free.

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October Program Schedule

REGULAR PROGRAMS Mayor & Council LIVE

Work Sessions Now Televised Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m., Work Session Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m., Work Session (tentative)

Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., General Session Oct. 21, 7:30 p.m., Public Hearing Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m., General Session

Meeting Replays

Mon., 7:30 p.m. (if no live meeting) Fri., 7:30 p.m. Sun. and Sat., 8:30 a.m. (New time) Sun. Tues., Wed., Fri., 1 p.m.

(New time) Mon.-Fri., 12 mídnight

City Hall Report Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m., 12 noon, 6 p.m., 10 p.m.

Citvline

Mon.- Fri., 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Sat., Sun., 6:30 a.m., 11 a.m. (New time), 12:30 p.m. Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

Mayor & Council Review Daily, 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Live Wed., Oct. 9, 7 p.m. Wed., Oct. 23, 7 p.m.

Planning Commission Replay Wed., 7 p.m. (if no live meeting) Sun., 7 p.m. Mon., Thurs., Sat., 1 p.m. Sun., Sat., 12 midnight

SPECIALS Charter Review Commission Public Forum

Mon., Wed., Fri., 9 a.m. Tues., Thurs., Sat., 8 p.m.

Preserving the Past Tues., Thurs., 9 a.m. Mon., Wed., Fri., 10:30 a.m. Sun., Tues., Wed., Fri., 4 p.m. Mon., Thurs., Sat., 5 p.m. Tues., Thurs., Sat., 9 p.m. Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri., 11 p.m.

Caregivers

Tues., Thurs., 9:30 a.m. Sun., Wed., Fri., 5 p.m. Tues., Thurs., Sat., 5:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Sat., 11:30 p.m.

Exploring Rockville's Past Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m. Sun., Fri., 4:30 p.m.

Responsive & Responsible: **Rockville City Government** Mon., Wed., 4:30 p.m. Tues., 5 p.m. Sun., 11:30 p.m.

Economic Development Mon.-Fri.. 7 a.m. Tues., Thurs., 11 p.m.

Online Frontier: Internet Safety Tues.. Thurs.. 10 a.m. Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri., 5:30 p.m. Tues., Thurs., 7 p.m.

Senior Center

Sat., 7 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 11 p.m. Tues., Thurs., 10:30 a.m. Mon., Fri., 7 p.m. Tues., 11:30 p.m.

Nature Center

Sun., 7 a.m. Tues., Thurs., 4:30 p.m. Sat., 7 p.m. Thurs., 11:30 p.m.

Every 15 Minutes Tues., Thurs., Sat., 7:30 p.m. Fri., 11:30 p.m.

Trees in Rockville Mon., Wed., Fri., 10 a.m.

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

The Mayor and Council met for a General Session on July 8 and:

- Awarded (not to exceed) \$344,557 contract for FY03 to various firms for computer hardware, software, peripherals, consulting and related services.
- Awarded (not to exceed) \$850,000 bid to Romano Concrete Construction, Inc., and NZI Construction Corporation, Inc., for maintenance of concrete curbs, sidewalks, aprons and other miscellaneous work on various streets.
- Awarded \$654,102 bid to Fort Myer Construction Corporation for FY03 Asphalt Maintenance Contract.
- Awarded \$93,840 bid to Cruz Cleaning Services for janitorial services at various City facilities.
- Awarded \$48,244 bid to Denison Landscaping for provision and installation of landscape material on the Wootton Parkway Median.
- Approved \$127,000 Joint Procurement Agreement on Montgomery County Government Contract to Electric Advantage, Inc., for electrical services.
- Adopted resolution to establish a Charter Review Commission to review and make recommendations to the Mayor and Council on the election process contained in the Charter and Election Ordinance of the City of Rockville.
- Appointed to Charter Review Commission: David Cahoon, Co-Chair; Doris Ecelbarger (ex-officio as Chair of the City of Rockville Board of Supervisors of Elections); Sue Edwards; Shelly Hardwick; Fran Hawkins; David Hill, Co-Chair; Gerry Holtz; Jennifer Kaye, Phyllis Marcuccio; Jim Marrinan; Robert Pittman; Roald Schrack. (Appointments will expire upon completion of the Commission's work.)
- **Accepted Text Amendment Application** of Uniwest Communications, Applicant to amend Zoning Ordinance.
- Adopted resolution supporting Montgomery County Council Emergency Bill 8-02, Fire Safety Code-Inspection of Schools.

The Mayor and Council met for a General Session on July 22 and:

- Awarded \$73,776 bid to H&H Concrete Construction, Inc., for improvements to park sidewalks, fences, pathways and parking lots.
- Awarded \$125,000 contract to American Tennis Courts, Inc., for FY03 athletic court system improvements.
- Renewed the \$66,130 software maintenance agreement with American Management Systems for the City's payroll, financial, purchasing, inventory and human resources systems.
- Approved participation in the City's Regional Stormwater Management Participation Program for quality control of 0.26 impervious acres and quantity control of 1.73 impervious acres resulting from the construction of Landow House and the acceptance of a \$70,760 contribution to the Stormwater Management (SWM) Fund from the owner, Hebrew Home of Greater Washington.
- Authorized City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Montgomery County on the Countywide Development Impact Tax.

· Authorized staff to file a Map Amendment for historic designation overlay zone for four acres of land at 522 West Montgomery Avenue known as the Buckingham property or Thirty Oaks. Mayor and Council, Applicant.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

All meetings at City Hall unless noted October 8 (Tuesday)

Human Services Advisory Commission, 7:30 p.m., Community Services Office, 32 Courthouse Sq.

October 9 (Wednesday)

Cultural Arts Commission, 7:30 p.m.

October 9 (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

October 12 (Saturday)

Board of Appeals, 9:30 a.m.

October 15 (Tuesday)

Rockville Seniors Inc., 1 p.m., Senior Center Board Room

October 17 (Thursday)

Rockville Sister City Corporation, 7:30 p.m.

October 23 (Wednesday)

Human Rights Commission, 7:30 p.m.

October 23 (Wednesday)

Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

October 24 (Thursday)

Recreation and Park Board, 7 p.m., Lincoln Park Community Center October 24 (Thursday)

Senior Citizen Commission, 10 a.m., Senior Center

October 24 (Thursday)

Rockville Historic District, 7:30 p.m.

Mayor and Council Meetings

- October 1: Work Session, 6:30 p.m.
- October 7: Work Session, 7:30 p.m.
- October 14: General Session, 7:30 p.m.
- October 21: Six Public Hearings (including four historic designations); and Work Session, 7:30 p.m.
- October 28: General Session, 7:30 p.m.

Mayor and Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis in the Mayor and Coun-

cil office at City Hall from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time. Please call the City Clerk's Office (240-314-8280) as drop in times are subject to change.



Councilmember John Hall

In addition to Mayor Larry Giammo, Councilmembers scheduled for October's Drop-In are:

- October 14: Bob Dorsey
- October 21: John Hall
- October 28: Susan Hoffmann

How You Can Make a Difference in Rockville

Charter Review Commission Seeks Input

Rockville's Charter Review Commission, which was appointed by the Mayor and Council to examine the City Charter-and other laws-relating to the election process in Rockville, held a Public Forum on Sept. 19. However, it is not too late for citizens to offer opinions on the major issues the commission is reviewing.

The commission, which is expected to have a final report of recommendations to the Mayor and Council by the end of this year, is still accepting written testimony. Opinions can be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md. 20850. Testimony also can be submitted via e-mail to cfunkhou@ci.rockville.md.us.

Volunteer with Boards and Commissions

The City of Rockville is calling for volunteers to serve on the 20-plus boards, commissions, committees and special task forces that provide the Mayor and Council with informed public opinions, thoughts and ideas to shape the City.

Although members of the boards and commissions are not paid, one benefit is the unique opportunity to affect the political process by working directly with the Mayor and Council. Boards and commissions meet usually once a

month, and all general board, committee and commission meetings are open to the public. A schedule of meetings is printed each month in Rockville Reports.

If you are interested in serving on a citizen board or commission, please contact the Mayor and Council, c/o City Clerk, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, Md. 20850, or contact the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280 for information regarding current vacancies. Check www.ci.rockville.md.us for details about each group.

Rockville's Boards and Commissions:

- **Animal Matters Board**
- **Board of Appeals**
- **Board of Supervisors of Elections**
- Compensation Commission **Cultural Arts Commission**
- Greater Rockville Partnership, Inc.
- Historic District Commission
- **Human Rights Commission**
- **Human Services Advisory Commission**
- Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission Personnel Appeals Board
- **Planning Commission** Recreation and Parks Advisory Board
- Retirement Board
- **Rockville Housing Enterprises**
- Rockville Seniors, Inc. Rockville Sister City Corporation
- Science, Technology, and Environment Commission
- Senior Citizens Commission
- Sign Review Board
- **Traffic and Transportation Commission**